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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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TAGS: ELAB, PINS, DM

SUBJECT: LABOR: ARREST OF DAHOMEY LABOR LEADERS

1. EMMANUEL BART-PLANGE, AALC REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, CALLED AT EMBASSY THIS MORNING WITH FOLLOWING STORY, FIRST PART OF WHICH ALREADY KNOWN TO YOU.

2. SATURDAY MORNING JUNE 7 IN LOME BART-PLANGE RECEIVED TWO-MAN DELEGATION FROM "COMITE PROVISOIRE DE COORDINATION DES SYNDICATS LIBRES DU DAHOMEY." MEMBERS WERE PROSPER/TOHOUM AND ROMAIN AKPAKOUN. THEY CAME TO ASK BART-PLANGE TO FORWARD LETTER TO DAVID BROMBARD OF AALC NEW YORK. BART-PLANGE SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO COTONOU (JUNE 9?) TO CONFER WITH EMBASSY ABOUT LETTER AND LEFT PHOTOCOPY OF IT THERE; HE HAS LEFT WHAT APPEARS TO BE UNSIGNED ORIGINAL AT THIS EMBASSY FOR SAFEKEEPING PENDING COTONOU'S OPINION.

3. AFTER LEAVING EMBASSY COTONOU BART-PLANGE WENT TO VISIT TOHOUM AT HIS HOME, BUT WAS TOLD BY MME TOHOUM HER HUSBAND AND AKPAKOUN HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED BY DAHOMEAN POLICE ON RETURN FROM LOME. BART-PLANGE LEFT COTONOU SOMEWHAT HASTILY, DID NOT HAVE TIME TO PASS THIS INFO TO EMBASSY.

4. BART-PLANGE ENROUTE TOMORROW TO ABIDJAN AND NIAMEY. IF
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COTONOU WISHES PASS ITS COMMENTS ON TOHOUM'S LETTER TO

BROMBARD TO HIM, CAN DO SO THROUGH THIS EMBASSY AND GEORGE
MARTENS OF AALC LOME.
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